

# HOUSE BILL No. 1550

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-14.

**Synopsis:** Electioneering at polls. Defines "electioneering" by identifying specific acts that constitute electioneering. Expands the area at the polls within which electioneering may not occur on election day. Provides that a person who parks a motor vehicle bearing campaign signs or bumper stickers within one hundred (100) feet of the entrance to the polls during the time the person is voting does not engage in electioneering.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 3-14-3-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this  
3       section, "electioneering" includes expressing support or opposition to  
4       any candidate or political party or expressing approval or disapproval  
5       of any public question in any manner that could reasonably be expected  
6       to convey that support or opposition to another individual, **including**  
7       **but not limited to the following:**

8               (1) The display of campaign signs, posters, or bumper  
9               stickers.

10              (2) The distribution of any type of campaign literature, cards,  
11              or handbills.

12              (3) The display of information concerning the adoption or  
13              defeat of a public question.

14              (4) The solicitation in any manner of votes for or against any  
15              candidate, political party, or public question on the ballot.

16              (5) The solicitation of signatures on a petition.

17              (6) The distribution of political badges, political buttons, or



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1 other political insignia to be worn within or about the polls.  
 2 **(7) The solicitation of donations for a campaign or political**  
 3 **party, or the selling of tickets to a campaign or political party**  
 4 **function.**

5 **(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who knowingly**  
 6 **does any electioneering:**

7 (1) on election day within:

8 (A) the polls; ~~or~~

9 (B) ~~fifty (50)~~ **one hundred (100)** feet of the entrance to the  
 10 polls; or

11 **(C) areas on the property where the polls are located that**  
 12 **voters pass through or use in order to access the polls; or**

13 (2) within an area in the office of the circuit court clerk used by  
 14 an absentee voter board to permit an individual to cast an  
 15 absentee ballot;

16 commits a Class D felony.

17 **(c) A person who parks a motor vehicle (as defined in**  
 18 **IC 9-13-2-105(a)) bearing campaign signs or bumper stickers**  
 19 **within one hundred (100) feet of the entrance to the polls during**  
 20 **the time the person is voting does not by that action violate**  
 21 **subsection (b).**

22 SECTION 2. IC 3-14-4-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 23 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 9. An election officer who  
 24 knowingly:

25 (1) discloses to a person the name of a candidate for whom a voter  
 26 has voted or how a voter voted on a public question; or

27 (2) does any electioneering **(as defined in IC 3-14-3-16)** on  
 28 election day;

29 commits a Class D felony.

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